

SAINTS WEEKLY NEWS



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Saint Wenceslaus Catholic School

Weekly Office Update

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School

C-STEM



From the Office of the Principal ...

School Registration Forms are now due!

Please complete these forms before March 1! Thank you very much for cooperating to get this task done on time. If you cannot find the forms, please contact the office or download one from our school website. PS..... We are excited to announce this may be the last year for paper forms. The future will be on-line registrations!

Also:

All current tuition accounts will be automatically rolling over to TADS for the 2018-19 school year. Please watch for an e-mail notification from TADS coming to you soon. You will need to log into TADS to instruct them how you want your tuition processed.

Annual Parent Meeting - Tonight! 6:00PM

You are invited to join the School Advisory Council for a "Q & A" session. We will summarize the school annual report. This report was sent to you last week. Join us on

Monday, February 26 at 6:00 PM for a short review of the items in the report.

You will also have the opportunity to discuss any workings of the School Advisory Council in the areas of finance, fundraising, policies, marketing, and technology.



Buy Tickets Now

to attend **The Big Game** on April 14. We are seeking many **Donations** to make this night a success!

Auction Link:

<https://saintwenceslaus.ejoinme.org/biggame>



School Fish Fry Tickets!

Details: Friday, March 9th, 2018
Lunch 11:00am-1:00pm
Dinner 4:30pm-7:30pm

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door.



All families received tickets last week. Students can use tickets for lunch on this Friday if you choose.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., Feb 26 - Student Adoration 9:00-11:00 AM
Mon., Feb 26 - School Advisory Meeting and Annual Parent Meeting 6:00 PM
Tues.,-Wed., Feb. 27-28 - Gr. 5 Science Fair
Wed. Feb. 28 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 6z plans)
Fri., March 1 - Lenten Prayer 8:00AM
Mon., March 5 - Big Bang STEM Competition at SWS 8:00-9:00
Mon., March 5 - Student Adoration 9:00-11:00 AM
Tues., March 6 - History Day Displays/Judging
Wed., March 7 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 5 plans)
Wed., March 7 - Marketing Meeting 6:00-7:30 PM
Thurs., March 8 - Lenten Prayer 10:15 AM
Fri., March 9 - Bring a friend to School Day - Grades K-5
Fri., March 9 - School Fish Fry Dinner
Mon., March 12 - Student Adoration 9:00-11:00 AM
Tues., March 13 - Conferences 4:00-8:00PM
Wed., March 14 - School Penance Service 9:00-11:00 AM
Thurs., March 15 - No School/Conferences 12:00-8:00PM
Fri., March 16 - Lenten Prayer 12:45
Mon., March 19 - Student Adoration 9:00-11:00 AM
Mon., March 19 School Advisory Meeting 6:30
Tues., March 20 - Home/School Meeting 6:00 PM
Wed., March 21 - 8:00 School Mass (Kindergarten plans)
Wed., March 21 - Technology Meeting 2:30 PM
Wed., March 23 - Living Stations of the Cross 1:00
Mon., March 26 - Mon., April 2 - **No school Spring Break**
Tues., April 3 - School Resumes

Parent/Teacher Conference link:

<http://signup.com/go/rVbtQOy>



Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Tuesday, March 13 -
3:30-8:00 PM
Thursday, March 15 - 12:00 -
8:00 PM

Fish Fry Volunteer Sign up

<http://signup.com/go/PthBCpg>

Our School Mission Statement

St. Wenceslaus School is a family centered faith community committed to the intellectual and spiritual formation of our students. We provide a high quality academic program that builds leadership and self-confidence while nurturing a loving relationship with God and encouraging service to others.

Calling all Toddlers to Grade 3
 Join us for a mini STEM Night
 Bring a new friend or two!



St. Wenceslaus Catholic School
G-STEM
 Experiment. Learn. Repeat.



MONDAY
MARCH 5TH
5:00-7:00 PM

OPEN HOUSE

STEM FUN FOR TODDLERS THROUGH GRADE 3

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

**Student
 Work on
 Display**



Join us for learning fun!

Word of Mouth Marketing is the best!

Please share why you send your kids to our school with everyone! We would love to offer many more kids an opportunity for a wonderful Catholic Education. Please pass these video links:

General PreK-Grade 8 Video Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Special Preschool Link:

<https://youtu.be/CcqsR9v4Pg4>



March Madness - Let's support our local food shelf during this month of March - **Minnesota Food Share Month**. Every Friday students can wear any **SWS spirit wear shirt/any pants** to school in exchange for one donated food shelf item in a can. Cans weigh more. The more pounds of food, the better corporate matching dollars for our food shelf! There are 4 Fridays = 4 canned items = 4 days with no uniforms!



We Need Donations for the Starry Night

1. Live auction: Trips, cabins, services, sporting tickets, larger products. If you have access to anything that could work for the live auction, please come forward.
2. Smaller ones to make a basket for the silent auction tables. A basket full is great or one item to add together with another to make up a basket is awesome.
3. Be willing to sponsor an event to take place at a later date such as a dinner, a party, a dance, a hayride, or many other ideas.
4. Certificates: We need lots and lots of gift certificates for one of our event ideas.
5. Alcohol - lots of it! - - - to put into adult gift baskets. One basket will contain everything to make a "certain" drink.

Lenten Prayer opportunities for students

Prayer Services:

- Friday, March 2nd - 8:00
- Thursday, March 8th - 10:15
- Friday, March 16th - 2:00

Adoration:

- Monday, February 26 - 9:00 - 11:00
- Monday, March 5 - 9:00-11:00
- Monday, March 12 - 9:00-11:00
- Monday, March 19 - 9:00-11:00

Living Stations

- Friday, March 23 - 1:00



Welcome Back Ms. McNamara

Ms McNamara will be returning back to SWS in about a week after recovering from her surgery.

Ms. Mac donated a kidney to her sister. Both ladies are doing great. Ms. McNamara's sister, Peg Clark, is doing well. She now has normal kidney function for the first time in years.

Ms. McNamara thanks everyone for their prayers and support during this time.



Volunteer Reminder:

Every family is required to volunteer for the following school events:

1. Fish Fry
2. Starry Night Auction
3. Golf Tournament
4. Or serve on Home/School Association
5. Or be one of the planning committee members for other main fundraising events.

Preschool families must help with one event and K-8 families must help with 2 events or help with at least two shifts at one of the above.

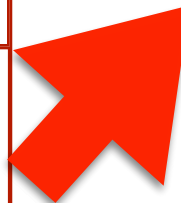
Please watch for sign up opportunities. We need you!

Financial Assistance for next school year.

Apply to TADS.com. This is an outside agency that evaluates your family finances. Those families who qualify may be selected for a tuition reduction. This program is based 100% on financial need.

Bring a Friend to School Day - Grs. K-5

All students in grades K-5 can bring one friend to school on Friday, March 9. **Permission slips are due by March 5.**



The friend must be in the same grade or in one grade higher or lower. NPAS does not have school on this day. There might be a NPAS friend who would like to check out our school. This event is NOT meant to bring guests/relatives from far away but only local kids.

Looking for Parent Testimonials

We are developing a new website and on the website we will have some parent testimonials. We are looking for 2-3 sentences about the school and your family picture. We have some but need more. Please consider saying something nice about the school. Send to kim.doyle@swsaints.org



Photo Contest from Catholic School Center Of Excellence - Due April 2.

Open to parents, students and staff.

Take the best pictures of our Catholic School

- 1: Photos with people (students, teachers, staff, etc.)
- 2: Photos without people (buildings, classrooms, students with class projects, etc.)
- 3: Photos taken by pre-K through 8th grade students

ENTER THE PHOTO CONTEST BY APRIL 2, 2018

Email your photos to

CatholicSchoolsPhotoContest@gmail.com.

Include your name, the name of the school pictured and which category you are entering in the body of the email for each photo submitted.

Each entrant may submit multiple photos, but can only win once.

The subject matter of the photo must have something to do with Catholic grade schools.

Big Bang STEM Fair

We will hold the SWS competition on March 5 with judging to take place between 8:00 - 9:00 AM. The top projects will be sent to the Archdiocesan Big Bang STEM Fair held at Holy Family Catholic High School on April 21. Forty-five students in grades 3-8 are participating!

5th grade Science Fair this week!

Take a peek this week on Tuesday and Wednesday for our 5th grade presentations. Science Fair displays will be set up in the atrium of the PAC.

Incentive for Current School Families
\$250 Tuition Credit

Every new family that enrolls in our school in grades K-8 will have one opportunity to list a family that helped them make this important educational decision.

Smile Network Fundraising

We will continue to collect coins during our Lenten time. \$500 covers one surgery.



Little Saints Preschool

We are still taking reservations for our preschool classes for next fall.

Please spread the word to those with little ones looking for a great program.



GET! INVOLVED!

SWS HOME & SCHOOL COME CHECK US OUT!

The Home & School committee is a group of parents who are excited to meet you and introduce you to a few of the additional events that support our school, staff and students. We hope that you'd consider joining our group and getting involved with the extra events that make SWS so special! Our school family prides itself on the warm and inviting atmosphere around school and Home and School is no exception! All are welcome and your help throughout the year is so appreciated.

We continue to support our students with fun events like the all school **Marathon** where we organize the pep-fest, prize rally and little treats to keep the kids motivated to hit their goals! We also host the annual **Santa's Workshop** where the kids get to shop til they drop and surprise their loved ones with the gifts they so carefully selected.

Our parents put on the annual **Handmade Market** with our very own concessions and market booth, raising funds for special needs or causes within the school. We also support our school staff with **conference meals** each semester and by adding extra meals and treats to show our parents overwhelming appreciation for the staff during **Teacher Appreciation Week**.

Please consider getting involved – our school is a better place because of the support and dedication of our school parents!

Join us at a
meeting:

March 20th

6pm

April 10th

6pm

All meetings held
in the uniform
room in the lower
level of the
school

We look forward
to seeing you!

Home & School
Committee:

3 Year Term

Monthly Committee
Meetings

Small Group Teams

Bring a Friend to School Day - Grades K-5

All students in grades K-5 can bring one friend to school on Friday, March 9. The friend must attend one of the New Prague Schools, a school from another small community around the New Prague area or might be moving to New Prague and looking for a school. The kids in the NPAS do not have school on this day but SWS does so it is a great day for them to shadow in our school. The friend must be in the same grade or in one grade higher or lower. These students will spend one full day in our school having a regular day with our kids, having a great lunch, and will be sent home with a special SWS gift. This is a great way for someone to "try out our school" for a day! SWS kids can bring kids that might not be interested in transferring to our school too! Spending the day will help spread the word about our school whether kids are interested or not in future enrollment! This event is NOT meant to bring guests/relatives from far away but only local kids.

Reservations are required for friends. (Due March 5)

Bring a Friend to School Permission Slip

SWS Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Name of Guest: _____

Current Grade Level of Guest: _____

I, _____, grant permission for _____
Guest Parent or Guardian Name Child Name

to participate in the above named activity and I warrant that my child is in good health. In consideration of my child's participation, I agree to indemnify St Wenceslaus School and Church and the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis from any claims or law suits brought against the St Wenceslaus School and Church /Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis by myself, my child or others, that arises out of any behavior by my child at the event/activity described above. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees or expenses incurred by the parish/school and the Archdiocese in defense of such a claim/suit.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital for medical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by a doctor or hospital. In the event of any emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact

Emergency Contact Name Phone Number

As Guest Parent or Guardian, I agree to all of the above stated considerations and conditions.

Guest Parent Signature Date

Guest Parent Contact Information: Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parent email: _____